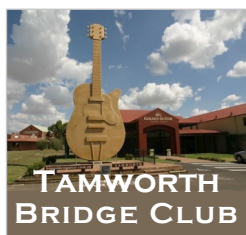


Tamworth Swiss Pairs Congress

24 — 25 AUGUST 2019 (SAT — SUN)



A Report from Event Organiser

by David Cohen

The devastating drought did not affect the roll-up for the Tamworth pairs congress held towards the end of August.

Pairs from as far a-field as Sydney, Brisbane, Coonabarabran, Gunnedah, Armidale, Newcastle and the Central Coast joined with the local contingent to do battle over the 10 x 10 board contest.

It was very pleasing to see a number of newer players showing up and providing stiff competition. Most notably was Alan Meikle who paired with the seasoned Michael Johnson to gain 3rd place over-all.

The restricted division was won by the vastly improved Armidale pair of David Bonsey and Arun Tiwari with the Tamworth pair of Margaret Hartley and Christine Goddard as runner-ups.

The winners of the congress were Virginia Dressler and Ian McKinnon who pipped out last year's winners, Rosalie Broughton and Ken Wilks.

A very unusual 10 card suit headed by the AKQ was dealt on the second day.

With East dealer and all non-vul, as South you hear 5♣ by East...what to do with

♠ Q643
♥ AKQ8643
♦ J4
♣

Some pairs passed (not well rewarded), some N-S pairs were allowed to play in 5♥. At one table after 5♥ East bid 6♣ with one South then bidding 6♥ which was appropriately doubled for -500. The full hand was:

Board 14 in match 7

Dealer E | Vul None

♠ KJ985	♠
♥ 72	♥ 65
♦ 9732	♦ T
♣ 98	♣ AKQT765432

♠ AT72	♠
♥ JT	♥ 65
♦ AKQ865	♦ T
♣ J	♣ AKQT765432

♠ Q643	♠
♥ AKQ9843	♥ 65
♦ J4	♦ T
♣	♣ AKQT765432

Full marks to all those volunteer members who helped make the congress such a great success.



Frank Gooley (President) congratulated the winners Ian McKinnon and Virginia Dressler.



Winners of Restricted Pairs David Bonsey and Arun Tiwari.



Margaret Hartley and Christine Goddard finished second in the Restricted division.

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